

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3 were present in the application. Claim 1 is amended herein. Claims 2 and 3 were canceled in a previous response, being non-elected. Applicant continues to reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

While the advisory action does not indicate that the amendments after final were not entered, applicant's representative has reviewed the image file wrapper and noted that the Examiner has hand written "do not enter" on the front page of that response. Accordingly, the amendments made in that response after final are repeated here under the assumption that the after final amendment was not entered. Confirmation of this status is respectfully requested..

The Examiner has requested amendment of the title. The title has accordingly been amended herein with attention to the Examiner's comments thereon.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Molin et al, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0015444.

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner opinion that Molin shows or teaches the feature described in claim 1 of this invention.

Molin discloses a needle magazine but not a tool suspension device comprising a suspension board and a tool bracket. The base member 19 of Molin is made by connecting together a number of modules side by side (column 2, paragraph [0031] lines 1 to 3) but not a suspension "board" as this invention. In addition, the Examiner stated that the front (f) of the lid 23 of Molin is free from a parting line (Office Action, page 3 line 3), and also stated that a continuous parting line (unnumbered but depicted with arrows - the peripheral edge of the bracket) is formed around the top (t), bottom (b) and sides(s). However, the arrows depicted by the Examiner also extend over the front (f) so that the statement that the parting line is free from the front (f) by the Examiner is contrary and unreasonable. In addition, the peripheral edge enclosed by the arrows depicted by the Examiner is an inherent contour of an object but not a parting line formed during an injection molding along an interface of two molding surfaces as described in this invention. Therefore, the peripheral edge of the lid 23 of Molin is essentially different from the parting line on the tool bracket of the present invention. With the arrangement of the parting line of this invention, the product indicators with different marks formed on the fronts of the tool brackets can be conveniently changed with

a specific mold during the forming process of the tool bracket, but Molin does not disclose, suggest or teach this feature as provided by applicant's claimed invention. Therefore, applicant believes that the rejection to claim 1 of this invention has been overcome and claim 1 is allowable.

Further, responsive to the rejection, claim 1 has been amended to add a limitation of that "the parting line is separated from the front". Because the original Figs. 1 and 2 have shown the parting line 102 is separated from the front of the body, applicant believes that the amendment to claim incurs no new matter. Corresponding amendment to the specification is made, which should also be considered to not be new matter.

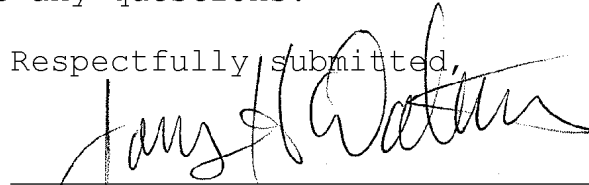
With the amendment to claim 1, applicant believes that Molin does not disclose the feature defined in the amended claim 1 and the amended claim 1 is allowable.

After the amendment to the title and claim, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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